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Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan
Revisions Office
333 SW 1st Avenue, Portland, OR 97208

Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear BLM,

As a concerned citizen and resident of Medford, Oregon I am writing to express the need and responsibility to be good stewards of our local forests and wildlife habitats. They are an extremely precious resource and the proper management of them is of the up-most concern to many like myself.

Please act to protect our forests, especially our old growth forests, from clear cutting and from indiscriminate harvesting of timber. Let stand the protections already in place of the Northern Forest Plan.

I am opposed to all of the alternatives of the Western Oregon Plan Revisions that the BLM is proposing. It would put our water quality at risk, destroy much of what remains of our old growth forests and significantly reduce our unique wildlife and plant habitats. It just is not a viable solution.

A more ecologically healthy way to manage our forests is to thin out the second growth forests which reduces the fuel load, while still providing timber and jobs and saving what

remains of our ancient forests. The Northwest Forest Plan is an integrated plan that includes both BLM lands and National Forest lands.

The BLM cannot withdraw from this plan and eliminate protection for old growth forests, without undermining the whole thing.

Taking BLM out of the Northwest Forest Plan would be like pulling a thread that unravels the whole blanket.

Much of the BLM lands are intermixed with private lands, many people use these lands for hiking and riding and for the peace and solitude it offers. The trees are what make it be such a beautiful place in which to recreate.

On a more local note, another issue which is highly disturbing to me and my neighbors is that under the proposed Western Oregon Plan Revisions BLM is planning to designate off highway vehicle use in our immediate area. I am specifically talking about the proposed OHV emphasis area on Anderson Butte. Many private residences back right up to these areas.

The reason why we chose to purchase property in this area was for the peace and quiet it offers. Therefore, I strongly urge that you not build or permit any OHV parks in the Anderson Butte Area.

Choose, instead, an area which does not have private residences nearby. Choose an area where the noise and destruction of the land caused by OHV use will not impact those who choose to use our lands in a more gentle and quiet

way. That is the way the Coastal
ONU parks are set up and they
are not intruding on the rights of
others to live in a peaceful, quiet
place.

Thank you for your consideration in
this matter.

Sincerely,

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